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- The European Commission presented the [European Green Deal](#) proposal ([communication + roadmap](#)) on 11 December 2019.
- The European Council of [12 December 2019](#) confirmed the principle of climate neutrality.
- The European Parliament on 15 January 2020 adopted [a resolution](#) supporting the Green Deal by a large majority.
- The roadmap accompanying the Commission's communication gives an indicative timing of the expected initiatives.
- The Commission has published the [work programme for 2023](#).

Current affairs

- A preliminary agreement was reached on the reform of the ETS system and the Social Climate Fund. ([Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [Carbon Market Watch](#), [Politico](#), [WWF](#), [Council](#), [Commission](#), [EP](#), [EP](#), [CAN Europe](#), [Euractiv](#))
- Energy ministers met on Monday 19 December. This included discussions on the gas price proposal, accelerating renewable energy installation and methane emissions. ([Politico](#), [Council](#), [CAN Europe](#), [Politico](#), [Euractiv](#), [Euractiv](#), [Reuters](#))
- Most EU countries sceptical about 45% renewable energy target: document. ([Euractiv](#))
- The battle over the EU's 2030 renewable energy target has begun. ([Euractiv](#))
- Global solar market outlook 2022-2026. ([SolarPower Europe](#), [Euronews](#))
- Analysis: tackling wasteful consumption now to ease energy crisis. A study. ([Greenpeace](#))
- EU gas consumption down 20% in August-November: Eurostat. ([Euractiv](#))
- EU emissions continue to fall despite return to coal ([The Guardian](#))
- Climate target of 1.5C is 'gasping for breath', according to UN chief ([The Guardian](#))
- Tackling the energy crisis: six lessons from previous crises. ([SEI](#))
- [Eurometaux](#) on CBAM.
- Steel industry united in opposition to border carbon levy. ([Euractiv](#))
- Electricity market reform is no silver bullet for Europe's energy crisis ([Jean-Michel Glachant](#))
- Buying time for real electricity market reform. ([Conall Heussaff and Georg Zachmann](#))
- Electricity market reform: A fake Commission consultation? ([Mike Parr](#))
- The International Gas Union's climate strategy. ([InfluenceMap](#))

- Protection of the most vulnerable during renovation must be enabled. ([Housing Europe](#))
- Policy practice and regional impact assessment for building renovation. A study. ([JRC](#))
- Brussels plans digital push to green EU construction sector. ([Euractiv](#))
- Tackling building emissions from cradle to grave. ([Roxana Dela Fiamor](#))
- Understanding EU circular economy policy through future circularity visions. An [article](#).
- Driving a transformation to a circular bioeconomy: mechanisms to spread, deepen and broaden initiatives. An [article](#).
- EU countries prepare for textile recycling big bang. ([Euractiv](#))
- EU battery directive makes it easier to replace batteries. ([Right to Repair](#))
- Strengthening security of supply of products containing critical raw materials for green transition and decarbonisation. A [study](#).
- Circle Economy discussed the circular future for European industries. ([Circle Economy](#))
- Europe's automotive industry must look to the future, not the past. ([Frans Timmermans](#))
- Toxic fumes are coming: Truck pollution will double over Christmas ([Transport & Environment](#))
- Believe us, it wasn't easy: How the internal combustion engine phase-out was won in European capitals. ([Transport & Environment](#))
- Smart mobility and its implications for road infrastructure: A systematic literature review. An [article](#).
- EU must review REACH before end of current term. ([Zakia Khattabi](#))
- [Commission](#) drafts rules to identify endocrine disruptors and long-life chemicals and improve labelling
- Legal actions by NGOs and citizens key to climate fight ([Frederik Hafen and Romain Didi](#))
- Europe's answer to the Inflation Reduction Act must be global cooperation. ([Andreas Goldthau and Karsten Neuhoff](#))
- Germany and France try to match US green industry subsidies. ([Euractiv](#))
- Speed, simplicity and focus: how the EU can make a success of the competitive "race to the top" in sustainability. ([Martin Porter and Peter Sweatman](#))
- A 'social imbalance procedure' for the EU. ([ETUI](#))
- Just transitions: an overview of how to decarbonise energy systems while fighting poverty and inequality. ([DIE](#))
- Local public finances and the green transition. ([Euractiv](#))
- The EU can take the lead in addressing green and social challenges simultaneously: Sandrine Dixon-Declève. ([Horizon](#))
- The fiscal impact of extreme weather events: First evidence for EU countries. ([VOXeu](#))
- Analyses on the COP15 for biodiversity. Before the agreement: [Politico](#), [Euractiv](#), [The Guardian](#), [The Guardian](#), [The Guardian](#), [WWF](#), [Greenpeace](#), [Vox](#), [Commission](#), [Climate Home News](#). After the agreement: [CBD](#), [WWF](#), [Euronews](#), [Euractiv](#), [The Guardian](#), [The Guardian](#), [The Guardian](#), [The Guardian](#), [The Guardian](#), [Commission](#), [DW](#), [Amnesty International](#), [Greenpeace](#), [UNEP](#), [Vox](#), [UNEPFI](#), [Euronews](#), [Euractiv](#), [The Guardian](#), [Craig Bennett](#), [The Guardian](#), [Social Europe](#), [CarbonBrief](#), [The Conversation](#), [IISD](#), [WBCSD](#), [Slow Food](#), [Climate Home News](#), [ClientEarth](#), [WEE](#), [Science](#), [Stockholm Resilience Centre](#).
- Environment ministers met on 20 December and talked about nature restoration, among other things. ([Council](#), [WWF](#), [Euractiv](#))
- Nature beyond biodiversity: why restoration matters. ([META](#))
- Germany embraces EU's Farm to Fork spirit with food strategy plans. ([Euractiv](#))
- Abolishing the CAP was never an issue, says former commissioner. ([Euractiv](#))

Activities

- 2023-01-11 | Online | [SEI Currents 2023](#)
- 2023-01-12 | Online | [#EUCircularTalk:"From local to global: how procurement could drive a just transition"](#)
- 2023-01-16 | Online | [#EUCircularTalks: The Taxonomy and Sustainable Finance - What does it mean for the Buildings & Infrastructure sector?](#)
- 2023-01-20 | Hybrid | [Re-negotiate: A new social contract in an age of crises](#)
- 2023-02-08 | Online | [EU Energy transition - What role for critical raw materials?](#)
- 2023-02-09 | [Digitalising development — not digitising the status quo!](#)
- 2023-05-15 – 2023-05-17 | [Raw Materials Summit](#)

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